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[INTERVIEWS]



"IT networking is one of the hottest growth areas."
Amy Christen, General Manager, Cisco Networking Academy, and Vice President- Corporate Affairs, Cisco Systems Inc.

How has IT networking evolved as a promising career opportunity in the computer engineering domain in India?

Computer engineering has become the buzzword among Class XII science students in India owing to the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) revolution that is sweeping through the country. Parents are keen on investing in a 'computer engineering' seat for their child at a reputed technical institute. So it is not surprising that as per AICTE data, in 2004-05, 31 per cent of the engineering graduates in India were computer engineers. While the IT sector is propelling India's economy, what students must keep in mind is that the dynamics of this industry are changing rapidly. Several new domains have emerged offering exciting career opportunities. IT networking is one of the hottest growth areas. While there has been a steady increase in the number of IT professionals in India, there is an increasing shortfall of skilled networking professionals. As the business relevance of ICT grows across all sectors, the demand for networking professionals will continue to rise.

Can you provide an estimate of the demand for IT networking professionals in India?

With a GDP of 1.09 trillion that's growing at a rate of over 8 per cent per year, India is the second fastest growing economy in the world. This economic expansion is underpinned by the growth of the Indian IT industry and infrastructure. According to a 2006 report by industry analyst IDC, India's surging economic development will create demand for an additional 137,000 networking professionals by 2009.

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[JOKE OF THE DAY]

"We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees."

[CORPORATE MANTRA]

"Work is about more than productivity. For all our emphasis on individualistic, market competition, people still want to find meaning in their work and in the institutions that employ them."

> DAVID ULRICH

3 >>> SIMPLE RULES



... TO BE A GOOD TEAM LEADER

Interpersonal Influence:

Interpersonal influence based on direct communication skills is the most common used technique, in order to become a true leader. The ability to influence one's thinking by persuasion or citing one's own example is a quality trait found in leaders. The followers start looking up to the leader as someone who will show him/her the right path to success.

Build Trust:

The main dynamic force that motivates and coordinates the organisation is trust and the ability of succeeding must be also based on cooperation and understanding.

Ethics and moral rules:

The leader is a social architect to build the team. Hence, he/she should create an environment based on correctitude and transparency. These seeds sown by the leader if followed by the group, will ultimately benefit the leader himself.